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Schwartz/Smith Revitalization Bill advances

Legislation that would create a bold new strategy for stimulating private sector investment in New Jersey cities was approved by the Senate. The bill, sponsored by Assemblyman David C. Schwartz and Sen. Smith (both D-Middlesex/Union), is supported by the Florida Administration, representatives of business, industry and housing groups and a coalition of urban mayors. The bill (A-3755) would expand the powers of the Urban Development Corporation, allowing that agency to play a greater role in revitalizing New Jersey's cities.

Senior citizens commissions bill advances

Legislation designed to improve the quality of life for New Jersey's senior citizens was approved by the General Assembly. The bill will provide the formation of senior citizen advisory commissions. The measure will require the director of the State Division on Aging to encourage municipalities to establish senior citizen advisory commissions. The director would also provide technical assistance to help communities establish the commissions.

Legislation to end employment based on smoking status

Assembly Speaker Phil Tamulonis B. Brown introduced legislation (A-859) that would prohibit employers from making employment, compensation, termination and other personnel-related decisions based on a person's smoking habits. Brown, the Assembly sponsor of the so-called "Smokers Rights Bill" which was recently vetoed by Governor Florio, said that the new bill reflects changes made in response to concerns raised by the Governor in his veto message.

Bill extends home ownership to public housing residents

Residents of public housing will have a better chance to own their own homes under a bill (A-4478) sponsored by William J. Pasarelli, Jr. and Sen. Schwartz. The bill would comply with the federal law by making it financially feasible for the residents to purchase the homes they already live in. Pasarelli said. Under the 1990 National Affordable Housing Act, tenants who live in a public housing project would be able to own a corporation, known as a resident management corporation, and purchase the building from the public Housing Authority.

Florio & Sarah Brady urge support of assault weapon law

New Jersey's assault weapon law, which is under attack by special interest groups who want to see it weakened, got another boost of support from Sarah Brady, Chair of Handgun Control, who joined Gov. Florio in urging that the law be kept intact. "We need to keep the ban on assault weapons because they are a lethal tool of drug traffickers. And it is sheer folly to believe that we can win the war on drugs while arming these drug lords with assault weapons," Brady said.

Emergency food assistance legislation advances

Legislation which would allow New Jersey to accept the federal million pounds of food is entitled to, plus an additional 3.5 million pounds of bonus food from the federal government and hire additional workers to distribute the food was approved by the Assembly. 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CITY PEOPLE

People on the move...

Rev. Dr. S. Howard Woodson, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist, Trenton, NJ and Joseph Le Fante, two former Assembly speakers received the SHARE-New Jersey Board of Directors. Also elected were C. Stephens Jones, executive director of the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry in Newark; Dr. Daniel W. Blue, Jr., executive director of the Housing Authority of Newark; Dr. Alma Williams Flagg of Newark, a 50-year veteran of the Newark School System where she served as a teacher, vice principal, principal and assistant superintendent of schools; James E. Felton, Jr. of South Orange, senior vice president of retail and manufacturing business in East Orange; Dr. Timothy McCracken of Plainfield has had an original paper, "The Double-Voiced Curriculum: The Canon and Multicultural Scholarship," accepted for presentation this month at Seton Hall University. Dr. Harry Robinson of Short Hills, a co-discoverer of streptomycin, received the 1991 Community College Excellence Award from the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges. The American Association for Alternative Action (AAAA) recently installed their Region II officers for 1991-1993. Officers named were Alonzo Cartledge, II (Regional Director) of Maplewood; Monique V. Landrum-Smith (Alternate Regional Director) of Trenton; Jerry H. Hall (Treasurer) of Wilmington, DE; Sheila Reed-Ortega (NY State Coordinator) of White Plains, NY; and Donald N. Johnson (New Jersey State Coordinator) of Jersey City. George S. Bolge has been named Executive Director of New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. Dr. William Ciotoli, veteran administrator at the New Jersey Dental School of UMDNJ, has been elected president of the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry. Dr. Bernard D. Goldstein of Westfield, one of the nation's leading medical experts on the environment, has been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. Dr. Charles Pine and Dr. Kevin Curvin was honored by Rutgers' Newark College of Arts and Sciences (NCA) as recipients of the "Distinguished Alumni Awards." Leonine Powell of Plainfield is among 19 Union County College students elected to Who's Who Among Students at Union County College for 1990-91. Elizabeth Christopherson, Chairperson of the State Council on the Arts was presented with the prestigious du Cret School of the Arts Humanitarian Award. Father Charles Hudson, vice-president of The Center For Hope Hospice was bestowed the 1991 Man of the Year by the Union County Chapter of the Boys' Town of Italy. David F. Barry, Upsala assistant professor of history was awarded the Lindbeck Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching at Upsala. Laurence Spick has been selected as the new executive director for the Ironbound Community Corporation. Timothy R. Holt, CLU Special Agent, has earned the Chartered Financial Consultant diploma and professional designation from the American College, Bryn Mawr, PA. Eric Gallagher of Union was elected as the Student Government Association president at Union County College. Dr. M. Jerry Weiss of Montclair, distinguished professor of communications at Jersey City State College, is the first New Jersey resident to receive the International Reading Association's First Albert "A" Simon award an distinguished service award at The Morris Arca Minority Athlete Advisory Association's First Annual Awards Dinner. Cynthia M. Jacob, a partner in the Somerset law firm of Collier, Jacob and Sweet, was named Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Patrick Marks, Plainfield resident, was awarded a baccalaureate degree in Engineering and also received the Humphreys/Ennis-esser Award from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ.

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A Short Memory

Quick! When was the last time you heard or read about the brutal beating of Rodney King by Los Angeles police? Outside of Los Angeles, the case is practically forgotten. It's back to business as usual. Black people have short memories. Black people are "So kind and forgiving."

The unfortunate fact is that black people have experienced police brutality, and general racism, so frequently that they accept it as a way of life. "Nobody ever did anything before to stop it, so what makes you think that anything will be done this time?" This statement represents the thinking of most blacks. And this is a major reason for the continuation of racism and for the brutal by-products of racism from job discrimination to police brutality.

The great M.C. Hammer sings "you can't touch this." Racists say, "you can't touch me!" They generally know that nothing bad will happen to them if they beat up on a black. Whites generally feel, "if blacks aren't going to help themselves, then don't expect me to help you. After all, I receive the benefits of racism such as good jobs." Many of my friends have told me that not a single white colleague of theirs bothered to discuss the brutal beating of Rodney King.

You should not underestimate the severe ugliness that the Rodney King brutality case conveys about racism in America. You should never forget that as Rodney King was being clubbed in the head by a policeman, he turned over onto his back in order to avoid this continued attempt to crush his skull. Another policeman, then, clubbed him in the face and broke the bones around his eye.

Yet, few whites across the country even discuss the case, and most blacks act as if they would rather forget that it happened. Jewish citizens of this country use an excellent tactic against anti-Semitism. They publicize every single act of anti-Semitism that occurs, whether large or small. They make a continuous effort to keep anti-Semitism on the front page. Black people must adopt the same tactic. They must join together to contact the media regarding the smallest instance of racism. When the media gets tired of hearing about it, they must go from door-to-door and tell anyone who will listen, about what happened to them. You can join or organize a group whose purpose is solely to collect and distribute data about every case of racism.

The Rodney King police brutality case presented a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to force the public to focus on what really happens, daily, to black Americans. This window of opportunity has nearly closed and may never open again. Continuous publicity of racial inactivity will have two major impacts: 1) It will tell the world that racial brutality really does exist, and that blacks experience its ugliness daily; 2) It will tell the world know that blacks are a strong, strong people, contrary to what many people so recently think of blacks. Few people of any race could withstand the psychological ("you're lazy, dirty and stupid"), physical ("Beat the hell out of this nigger"), and legal ("you can never prove that we won't give you a job because you are black") aspects of racism. Black people are a strong people.



In observance of National Police Week, the Newark Police department presented medal of merit awards to several police officers during a "Memorial Day" program in the Municipal Council Chambers. The officers distinguished themselves in the line of duty. John J. Gobbs, acting police director, presents a merit award to Police Officer Crystal Rollins, a two-year veteran and the only woman honored at the ceremony.



May "Incentive Award" winner, Elizabeth Flood ceremony in Newark Mayor Sharpe James' office. Flood, a full-time employee at PSE&G, received a "Distinguished Citizens Award" for her outstanding contributions made to the City of Newark and its children.



Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently greeted Ms. Bahamas 1990-1991, Ms. Farrah Fiona Saunders and presented her with a medal during a recent ceremony in his office. Ms. Saunders, a graduate of St. Augustine's College in Nassau, became the 30th Miss Bahamas in August, 1990 and has since then spent a considerable amount of time working with Bahamian charitable organizations. Shown from left are Mayor James, Miss Bahamas, Farrah Saunders; and Consulate General, Peter Vieux-Isaacs. photo by William Rance



The Mayor of Plainfield, Harold Mitchell, presented the proclamation of May as "Mental Health Month" to Roberta Rubin, Director of the Companion Programs of the Mental Health Association.

Florio appoints
Sprott to state
committee

Kendell Sprott, M.D., of Plainfield, has been appointed Chairman of the Governor's Committee on Children's Services Planning. Governor Jim Florio announced. Sprott is Director of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Children's Hospital of New Jersey. Sprott also serves as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the New Jersey Medical School, where he received his M.D. degree. A member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the North Jersey Medical Society, Sprott is also a pediatric advanced life support instructor.



Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently presented a proclamation to Sam Rivers and Donnell Braswell from the Optimist club honoring the week of May 20-24 as "Respect for Law Week." The observance was created by the Optimist Club to generate greater cooperation and understanding between local law enforcement officers and their respective communities. From left are Mayor James, Sam Rivers, and Donnell Braswell. photo by Patricia Owens

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

HOBOKEN—Baseball Day, fireworks, exhibition baseball games awards and professional ball players at Elysian Field. Free admission. For more information call (201) 792-4878.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

MONTCLAIR—Brookdale Park Art and Crafts Show through the 22nd. 110 exhibitors of art, crafts and photography at Brookdale Park. Free admission. For more information call (908) 874-5247.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

JERSEY CITY—Liberty Fair National Collectibles Expo. Antiques and collectibles expo featuring 150 exhibitors. Liberty State Park. Central Railroad Terminal. For more information call (201) 786-2773.

NEW MILFORD—Art auction and sale of African American Art Fair, sponsored by the Coalition of 100 Black Women. Bergen/Pascack Chapter at Art Center of Northern New Jersey, 250 Center St. Preview 2:30-3:30 p.m., auction at 4:00. \$5 admission and registration fee.

PENNSAUKEN—15 hour Urban Canoe trip up the scenic Cooper River. For more information call (609) 795-PARK.

SOMERSET—YMCA is sponsoring 181 Annual Summerfest Car Show and Flea Market. The Devonport Cliff and High Streets in Somerville. General admission \$2 for spectators, under 12 years is free. \$12 for Car Show and \$15 for Flea Market Vendors. For more information call 722-4567.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

EATONTOWN—Rt. Monmouth Baseball Clinic through 28th. Skills clinic for youth ages 9-15. Dean Charles Wood Fields. For more information call (908) 532-2222.

SUMMIT—Kessler Golf Classic, at Crown Brook Country Club. Tickets available through the Henry H. Kessler Foundation. For more information or to obtain golf or raffle tickets call 201-731-3600.

SUMMIT—Walk-in registration for adult, teen, and children's art classes for the summer term at the NJ Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St. For more information call NJCVA at (908) 372-9121.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

PLAINFIELD—City of Plainfield, Board of Education Policy Committee, 8 p.m. at the Plainfield High School Library and 8:30 p.m. School Community Relations meeting in PHS conference room.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

PATERSON—The Hagadah, lecture at Free Public Library, 250 Broadway. For information, call (201) 881-7038.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

FORT MONMOUTH—Boxing Tournament. Boxes of all levels complete. Post Field House. For information call (908) 532-3275.

MONDAY, JULY 1

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Workshop for the Arts, a five-week summer enrichment program which gives children and adults an opportunity to explore their creative talents will be held at the Edison Intermediate School through August 2. For more information call (908) 322-5065.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

NEWARK—The Mandela, Martin Malcolm and Tubman Cultural Street Festival and Central through July 7 at Peddler's Square, corner of Orange and Nesbitt Streets in Newark, 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. For more information, contact Ivory Cooley (201) 643-0816.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

PATERSON—The Roots of Rap, lecture at Free Public Library, 250 Broadway. For more information, call (201) 881-7038.

NEWARK—The International Black Women's Congress will host a two week tour of Egypt. For reservations and further information, call 201-926-0570.

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General Powell joins in City News' Salute to America's Heroes

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EO mayor appointed to Sports Authority

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for a four-year, unsalaried term. The Authority is the administrative agency for the \$435 million Meadowlands Sports Complex which includes the Meadowlands Racetrack, Giants Stadium and the Brendan Byrne Meadows Arena.

In addition to the Complex, the Authority acquired Monmouth Park Racetrack and is overseeing construction of a world-class aquarium on the Delaware River waterfront in Camden.

Mayor Cooper was nominated to replace Gaston Henningburg, whose term expires June 25. Cooper was elected Mayor of the City of East Orange in January 1980. He is an experienced leader and public official having served as Essex County Freeholder, County Administrator and Business Administrator for the town of Irvington.

Cooper is recognized in international and national arena through his involvement in global issues. Internationally, Cooper was nominated in 1990 by Senator Bill Bradley as one of ten American ASA Fellows to participate in the American Swiss Association Young Leaders Conference in Switzerland. Later that year he travelled to Poland as one of four delegates from the United States Conference of Mayors to provide assistance to mayors recently elected in Poland's first free local elections in half a century.

Nationally, earlier this year the Mayor was selected to join five other mayors from the Northeast to discuss urban design issues facing their respective cities at the Mayor's Institute on City Design at M.I.T. Last month Cooper was invited to Johns Hopkins University to offer his insights and perspective on the formulation of a national policy on the health, education and welfare of children.

Locally Mayor Cooper has initiated projects that aim to revitalize this "city at the Crossroads" and to utilize its geographic location to spur the economy.

Children and family are also high on Mayor Cooper's agenda. He and his wife Sandy have two daughter, five-year-old Tiffany and three-year-old Dana.

Elks honor their own

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Daughter of Elks Proclamation, State President Dgt. McCutcheon stated, "God Bless our servicemen and women of Operation Desert Storm. We truly rejoice, for the families of those involved, for the expected homecoming of their loved ones. We salute them all, including those who made the supreme sacrifice."

New Jersey's Elk run-out of approximately 300 was judged to be good, considering the present economy and unemployment rate, by Brother and First Vice President Conway Johnson, Members of the Grand Temple Daughters of the I.R.P.O. Elks of the World are now planning to attend their national convention scheduled for August 2-9 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

P.A.C. slashes President de Klerk and apartheid violence

by Daniel Marolen

(NNPA)—In a scathing press release embargoed for release at United Nations, the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania (South Africa) released a scathing invective against President de Klerk's handling of the worsening racial situation in South Africa, especially the sporadic acts of violence that scare the inhabitants of the mineral-rich country.

PAC's press release categorically states its refusal to accept President de Klerk's invitation to attend a multi-party conference on violence on May 24-25. The organization's reasons for non-acceptance of the invitation are very clear, factual and represent African opinion about the violence which is tormenting the

racist country.

First, PAC stated that it could not accept the invitation because "the whole social formation of racist South Africa pre-supposes violence." And the press release goes on to say, "The existence of a government which took out by violent means, and which maintains itself by the force of arms, as opposed to the will of the people, contradicts the whole framework of the society within which the current violence is taking place."

Continuing, the press release also stated that the question of the CCB, ASKARIS and other (African) death squads employed by the State responded to mass (black) resistance by, inter alia, using vigilante groups such as the "Widdeke" and also by taking direct action against African masses in attacks like the "Trojan Horse" incident. This kind of action, said the release, is still continuing, with the recruitment of RENAMO and other killer groups which stalk the African people by day and night. Special murder squads have been established with the sole purpose, said the release, of terrorizing and killing the

South Africa. It also added that still in prison "for fighting for a just, democratic and peaceful society. These questions enjoin the PAC to consider whether the regime which invites us, and, at the same time, restricts our leaders from being in the country, sincerely expected us to attend the conference, or has extended the invitation merely as a tactical conscience-soother?"

The release added that the regime is to blame for the violence in and around Johannesburg. "The current spate of violence," said the release, "can be traced back to the 1984-86 period when the State responded to mass (black) resistance by, inter alia, using vigilante groups such as the "Widdeke" and also by taking direct action against African masses in attacks like the "Trojan Horse" incident. This kind of action, said the release, is still continuing, with the recruitment of RENAMO and other killer groups which stalk the African people by day and night. Special murder squads have been established with the sole purpose, said the release, of terrorizing and killing the

African people. The notorious CCB has not been disbanded.

PAC's press release goes on and on to elucidate the regime's involvement in South African violence. It points out how the police recently tortured a PAC "Askari" the arrest of 40 PAC members to use them to turn against their own people, and other acts of government involvement in the current wave of violence in the country.

The release goes on to expatiate on the regime's involvement in the southern Africa campaign of destabilizing neighboring black-ruled states like Mozambique, Angola and Zimbabwe. "This pattern," said the release, "has now moved into South African communities where the national liberation movements and the African communities are being destabilized with the intention of undermining their faith in us, with the hope of turning the masses to follow Mr. de Klerk who is now posing as a peace-maker."

The blame for all the violence in South Africa solely goes to the racist regime.

In conclusion, PAC's press release said that, the historic imperative upon the oppressed is to form a solid alliance of progressive laboratory forces to ensure the transformation of power to a democratic majority, which will fully address all fundamental questions, including the re-conquest of the land.

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EDITORIAL

'Keep Hope Alive!' and create opportunities for people

Dignity is earned by doing not by wanting. It is time to bail out AMERICA

As we enter the dog days of summer and hear reports that the recession is coming to an end, we all can rejoice about a brighter tomorrow. However, today is a recession ending, does little for the millions of New Yorkers and Americans who are homeless, who are unemployed and who have no where to turn for assistance.

"Keep Hope Alive." "Keep Hope Alive," was the lone cry of Jesse Jackson as he raced around the country in his bid for the Presidency. Jackson was the only voice that reflected an interest in saving America by saving people. At the time, the words were powerful and touched the soul as they do now. Yet, in the thick of the campaigning it all seemed like rhetoric.

Now, however it is clear that the current national government, seemingly with a mission to divide America down racial lines, has no intention of keeping hope alive for the millions of African Americans who have relied on the government to assure its rights to live with dignity as all Americans.

We believe the only way to "KEEP HOPE ALIVE," is to abolish the welfare system as we know it and give every American on welfare a job to maintain their community and neighborhood for whatever check they receive with the right to a free education, affordable housing, adequate health care benefits, and have affordable child care for all parents in need. In others, an opportunity to advance.

It's time to bail out America!

Letters

A 'jet noise' letter to the Governor

Dear Governor Florio:

I would suggest that a number of questions must be answered before A/4386 can be considered a viable piece of legislation. If on the one hand your office of Business Advocacy offers "transportation assistance" to attract businesses to New Jersey and on the other hand legislation

such as A/4386 is allowed to stifle transportation, are you really allowing New Jersey to work?

What is the value of a little jet noise? It is a wonder he is able to stomach his own hypocrisy. While he is supposedly paying tribute to these men and women, a majority of whom were either African American, Hispanic, or women, he is simultaneously leading the charge to keep them oppressed at home.

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Support for Handgun Control Bill

Dear Editor:

When the Department of Health and Human Services reported last month that one out of five deaths among teenagers and young adults in 1988 was gun related, it sparked a wave of support among black leaders for stricter handgun laws.

In this case it comes in the form of the Brady Bill, named after President Reagan's Press Secretary, James Brady, who was shot by John Hinckley in 1981, which calls for a seven-day "cooling-off" period before the purchase of a handgun, to give

police time to check if the buyer has a criminal record.

Many black leaders on Capitol Hill and around the country have come out in support of the Brady Bill because they feel this is a first step toward eliminating handguns and the war zones on our streets and neighborhoods.

The bill was endorsed by the House Judiciary Committee and voted on and passed by the full House of Representatives on May 8.

"With violent crimes at record

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A solution to the problem

Dear Editor:

I know a problem that we have and a remedy for the solution. But first let me tell you a little about pain. There are two kinds of pain, physical and mental. When we hear someone use the word nigger, we experience mental pain. I understand the feelings that one experiences when a black person calls another black a nigger. When I hear the word, the act defines me. Today I know the way some of us people act and I can choose no

better word to describe them and their abnormal behavior.

It is a well known fact that many black people hold each other back, these people I call "niggers." I feel the ignorant and self-destructive behavior that this class of blacks displays gives me the justification to call them such a heinous name. Blacks who do their best to make sure their children do not succeed do not deserve respect. Why not assign our race's most hated term to the blacks that

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Quote of the Week

It's very sad that the Presidents feel the need to keep the flames of hatred ablaze. It won't help resolve the problems we face or make us more competitive in the global market. It certainly won't help to make us a kinder gentler America.

Sharon Khadijah Vincent

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by Connie Woodruff

Last week Governor Jim Florio became the first Democratic governor to appoint a black to the N.J. Sports and Exhibition Authority when he named East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper successor to Gus Henningburg.

It was almost a foregone conclusion that Henningburg (a Kean administration appointee) would be replaced by a more recognizable Democrat and Cardell is certainly one of the rising black Democratic Party stars.

This time the public is likely to benefit from a strictly partisan political appointment. Cardell Cooper is a top administrator who just happens to have the right political connections and credentials at a time when the party faithful are reaping their just rewards.

However, the two men differ in their approach. Henningburg was and is a partisan independent. Cooper throughout his long political involvement is the ultimate team player, a trait he has exhibited as a former Essex County Freeholder, Irvington business administrator, county administrator, mayor of a predominantly Democratic city and titular head of the

Democratic Party in East Orange. Hopefully he will continue to monitor the Authority's affirmative action program and the rewarding of contracts, use of the Meadowlands facilities in particular and the hiring of minorities as well as the retention of minorities in administrative positions.

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One of Mayor James' strongest constituencies are the city's senior citizens. They get a lot of good service from the mayor's civic association and have their own city hall liaison, one of James' assistants, Dolores Henry-Metz, a genius at keeping the lines of communication open between City Hall and the community.

Mayor James has used his leadership positions with the Newark Collaborative, the N.J. and National League of Cities and others to push the advantages of doing business and living within less than a half hour of mass transportation (plane, train, bus and boat) new housing (the Society Hill complex and New Community multiple dwellings, adequate emergency health care (University Hospital) and lines of the state's top academic institutions (Rutgers University, NJIT, UMDNJ, Seton Hall Law School and Essex County College).

And now Mayor James, Pam

As I See It...

Goldstein (public relations officer) and another contingent from Newark are enjoying the sights and sounds of beautiful San Diego, California where the city is a finalist in yet another competition in the triple crown of revitalized interest in the future of American cities.

This week James will present Newark's case to a panel of judges for the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 12th Annual City Livability Award that recognizes mayors and cities that have made significant progress in enhancing "livability" through the development of urban programs growing from economic development and urban planning initiatives to antidrug efforts.

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Assemblyman Willie Brown was re-elected to another term as Newark's South Ward Democratic chairman with Queenie James as his vice chairlady. Monday night but not without leaving a bitter taste in the mouths of a small but persistently annoying group of never elected district leaders.

The dissidents were upset when the Brown forces removed former Freeholder Dolores Battle from her vice chairlady post. Battle was dropped as the party endorsed, Freeholder candidate last year and has been threatening to run as an

independent Assembly candidate in November. She would be running for one of the two seats currently held by Willie Brown and Jackie Matison.

A smaller group of the dissidents carried their anti-Brown protests to the Essex County Democratic Party reorganization meeting Tuesday night. The meeting began to turn ugly when the group's spokesman, Wilbur Komey, questioned the proposed slate for county offices, pointing to the lack of input from the "grassroots."

Incidents of name calling and grumbling, the election continued, returning Durkin to office as the county Democratic chairman, Queenie James (Newark) vice chairwoman, Yvonne Rapaport (Irvington) secretary, Jose Galazari, treasurer and veteran politico, Whelan Monica, state-at-large.

Even though the ending of the South Ward reorganization meeting, some people went away mad and determined to give both groups a hard time next year. According to one dissident who didn't want to be identified, "We may get even by not voting for the Democratic candidates in November."

Given the importance of the black vote in November, there needs to be some fence-mending before the anger explodes candidly.

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Race Bush's trump card

I continue the retreat backward to an even more racist and polarized America. By using the "quota" rhetoric and so-called "reverse racism" argument to try to win to white folks that they should be concerned and upset about people who have been historically oppressed and locked out of the mainstream of society now taking their jobs, he plays to their unfounded and irrational fears.

President Bush is able to oblige any reports he wants, and he is able to read any of them. I would find that in every major industry in the United States, African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanic Americans are still shamefully discriminated against without exception. White women have fared much better, but the reins of power will remain firmly in the hands of white men.

President Bush may talk about equal opportunity, but he seems to believe in equal opportunity dropouts—comes from the groups to go out and die in the desert sand. I guess he figures it's okay to be equally dead. You don't have to worry about anybody taking a white man's job then.

While Bush's political and media advisors orchestrate his speeches to best play to the short segments which we see on the

news, we can clearly see how his rhetoric is designed to appeal to the worst in people—prejudice and bigotry. He wants white people to believe that the reasons they are unemployed or denied promotional opportunities are because some African American men or women have taken their jobs. He relies on the racist attitudes and beliefs held by many whites to blur the real contradictions and problems—mainly the failed domestic policy pursued by his administration, as well as his famous boss, Ronald Reagan.

When people should be focusing on the education issues, and our failing public schools across this nation, our crumbling cities, roads and highways, our faltering health care system, the increasing rise in infant mortality rates or even the Savings and Loans disaster, we are sidetracked into fighting each other as opposed to working with one another to solve some of these problems.

While President Bush wants to keep the false issue of "quotas" alive, so he can use it to help him win the 1992 presidential election, he has shown himself to be more of a political opportunist than ever before. Since using the Willie Horton ads in his 1988 campaign worked so well, he figures why not use the race issue again. It worked before, and

surely it will work again.

Bush and the Republican Party also have the use of the new no-black conservatives to help make their case. They now go around as the advance men and women for their "masters" talking about how we no longer need civil rights legislation to provide any protection or redress for a historic pattern of racial discrimination. Ironically, virtually all of these individuals benefited from previous Civil Rights bills, and wouldn't even be in their present positions if the masses of people hadn't engaged in a fierce struggle to try to tear down the barriers preventing us from sharing in the wealth of this nation our ancestors worked hard to build. Not to worry though, when they are finally being used, they'll be kicked right back to the end of the line with the rest of us.

The volatile question of race may prove to be the President's trump card, but it will undoubtedly be the nation's downfall. America will never be as great as it can be, as long as it continues to oppress any of its citizens. It's very sad that the President feels the need to keep the flames of hatred ablaze. It won't help resolve the problems we face, or make us more competitive in the global market. It certainly won't help to make us a kinder and gentler America.

CHILD WATCH...

Life is getting grimmer for unwed teenage mothers

by Marian Wright Edelman

Women who were unwed teenage mothers and school dropouts seldom have had an easy life. In today's world, however, they and their children are likely to find life far more difficult.

Between 1967 and 1972, one-quarter of black women who had been unwed teen mothers and/or dropped out of high school were living in poverty by the time they turned 25, according to a new study. In stark contrast, almost half of black women in the same situation between 1980 and 1985 lived in poverty.

The typical family income of young mothers dropped from \$14,300 in the 1967-1972 period to a meager \$8,300 in the 1980-1985 period, measured in 1985 dollars. The research was done by Greg Duncan, professor of Economics at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, and Saul Hoffman, Economics professor at the University of Delaware.

This terrible increase in poverty among young black women and their children is a re-

sult of many factors. First, with the end of our manufacturing economy, the hope for a decent standard of living for school dropouts has faded. Second, today has only one chance in 100 of having a full-time job. And women are still paid less and have a harder time finding full-time work than men.

Second, more and more young mothers are raising their children alone. The new study shows that between 1967 and 1972, half of the time for women who were unwed teen mothers and/or dropouts had married by age 25. But between 1980 and 1985, only 23 percent had married by age 25. Sociologists and economists tell us that young people are less likely to marry when young men can't earn a living wage, and during the 1980s the earning power of young black men dropped an astounding 20 percent.

Third, welfare benefits have not come close to keeping up with

inflation in recent years. According to Hoffman and Duncan, the combined value of benefits from the food stamp program and Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) rose 10 percent between 1968 and 1976, but declined through most of the 1980s, returning to the 1968 level of \$1,500 in 1986. This year a number of states, including Michigan, Ohio, and California either already have cut welfare benefits or are proposing to do so.

All of this bad news adds up to just one message: our young people must stay in school and avoid having babies as teenagers. The world has changed. Choices and behavior that used to work out, even if they weren't ideal, now lead to disastrous consequences for black families and children. We adults have to wake up to that reality and make sure our children get the message. All other prevention efforts will have a limited effect if we don't make it clear that irresponsible sexual behavior and teenage pregnancy are not acceptable options for young people in today's complex world.

Moreover, no one sector of

the black community by itself can make the necessary impact on the teen pregnancy and dropout problems. It will take the combined efforts of parents, churches, schools, health clinics and youth organizations to give our boys and girls the motivation and the capacity to avoid pregnancy and stay in school.

To motivate teens to avoid pregnancy and stay in school, every neighborhood must be sure children have the academic support they need to succeed in school, plenty of positive extracurricular activities, a close relationship with an adult who can help them set goals and take concrete steps toward achieving them, and families that support their goals.

But teens also need the capacity to avoid pregnancy, and this means every neighborhood must make sure children have access to family life and sexuality education as well reproductive health services, preferably through school health clinics.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

YOUTH EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Don't Touch This

KC Flightt Takes Off



Leslie Brayboy, a student in Plainfield High School's Teen Parenting Program, and daughter Tamara, chat with McDuff, the crime fighting dog. All three will be at the Plainfield Festival for Kids on Saturday, June 29 on the grounds of Plainfield High School.

Cook your way to Disney World

EDISON—Armenia, Haiti, and Sri Lanka are just a few of the countries represented in ShopRite's 1991 Kids in the Kitchen "Melting Pot" Recipe Contest. Recipes sent in by the young chefs so far originate from 55 countries around the globe. Now that the deadline for submitting entries has been extended from May 15 to June 30, entries are still being accepted.

The diversity of these recipes illustrates the true "melting pot" flavor of our country and this contest. Entries include Focaccia Pua Bread from Italy, Vietnamese Nut Rolls from Australia and Vegetable Maki from Japan, a vegetarian form of Sushi.

There are only a few short weeks remaining for children to participate in this cultural cooking celebration and have a chance to go to Disney World, meet teen celebrities or win fabulous prizes courtesy of ShopRite Supermarkets' Kids in the Kitchen "Melting Pot" Recipe Contest.

The contest encourages children to take pride in their own heritage and to become more aware of other cultures.

"Learning extends beyond the classroom," said Mary Ellen Gowin, Vice President, Consumer and Public Affairs of ShopRite Supermarkets/Wakefern Food Corporation. "The Kids in the

Kitchen program gives children a cultural experience through cooking. It is a creative way for children to learn new skills, build self-esteem and have fun in the process."

Young Chefs, ages seven through 14, are invited to submit written recipes with international or ethnic flair. Recipe categories include: "Heritage Headliners," main dish or entree, "Traditional Additions," soup, salad, or side dish, or "Favorite Finishes" need not be of the same ethnic heritage as the entree.

This contest's final cook off will be part of the 1991 Ethnic Festival on September 21 and 22, held at scenic Liberty State Park, overlooking the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Celebrities and food authorities will judge the recipes and announce winners at an awards ceremony held during the festival.

As part of the 1991 Ethnic Festival, contestants can earn extra points with recipes that include "M&M's" Chocolate Candies (Plain or Peanut), Snickers Bar, Mars or Milky Way Bar, and Uncle Ben's Country Inn Rice.

Entry forms with complete contest details are available at local ShopRite stores or by mailing self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Kids in the Kitchen, c/o ShopRite Supermarkets, P.O. Box 7812, Edison, NJ 08818-7812.

Plainfield Summer Senior Basketball League

PLAINFIELD — The Summer Basketball League, co-sponsored by the Plainfield Office of Recreation and the Plainfield Y.M.C.A. is now accepting entries for the 1991 Summer Senior Basketball League and Tournament. Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at Madison Avenue

Playground. There is tentatively scheduled to begin Tuesday, July 2, 1991 and end with championship games the third week in August.

For further information, please call the Recreation Division Office at 756-3086 or the Plainfield Y.M.C.A. at 756-6060.

Ponderous pachyderms & the Great American Circus

PLAINFIELD—Come one, come all to the Great American Circus, where all your childhood dreams come true. See the magic and the splendor of circuses of yesteryear in the 1990 edition of the Great American Circus.

Long before the crowds arrive, before the popcorn is made, the Stars of the Great American Circus are hard at work doing the job that only they could do: raising the giant canvas of the Great American Circus tent. The Great American Circus Elephants assist the tent crew in erecting this traveling coliseum in the same manner that it's been done for over 100 years. There is no other animal on the face of the earth that has the deposition, the strength and intelligence of the elephant.

The elephant has an interesting history with the circus. Originally elephants were used solely to pull the circus trucks from the mud on traveling shows. Eventually, these gentle behemoths pachyderms made their way into center ring and became the Stars

of circuses worldwide.

The average elephant will weigh between five to ten tons, consume mostly hay, vegetables and drink hundreds of gallons of water daily. The result of this diet is potent fertilizer that will rival any other means of soil enrichment.

There are two distinct types of elephants: Asian and African. While the African elephant is easily identified by its large ears spanning up to 3 feet, the Asian has smaller ears and a gentler disposition.

The Great American Circus Elephants dance to verbal commands of their trainer, Tim Frisko, who will amaze you with their antics of precision. Showtimes are Friday June 21 at 5 & 8 p.m., and Saturday June 22 at 2 & 5 p.m. Also their will be a special tent raising ceremony between 8 - 10 a.m. The public is invited to watch this historical event. Tickets for the circus are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.



It's not the same style
So don't touch the dial
Hold up, stop, wait, listen
Just a little while

KC FLIGHTT Let's Get Jazzy

On this one, a jazz-house instrumental that is refreshing.

"Baseline" is closer to the traditional rap track with KC rapping: "Give me a baseline/Let it play/Go up and dance/To the rhythms I say/Okay?"

Let's Go has an Afro-Cuban jazz flavor and a singing female chorus while KC's rap is out of this world:

I wanna go to a distant place
Beyond the clouds up in space
Where we can dance on the moon
And we can leave just as
Soon as you wanna go.

KC's philosophy of rap is presented on the track "It Goes Like This" where he raps: "This is not a dis/Just a new sound/And it goes like this." He believes it's "wack to attack another brother." Many of his raps are narratives that ride smooth over a jazz based track.

"Fantasy" is a good example of this style. Another boring Sunday
Focused on a TV set
Slightly you walk in
Wearing my favorite painted on jeans.

This fantasy continues with KC letting his mind roam sky high as he thinks about a distant lover.

"Sex's Sexy" (Fantasy Mix) is similar with KC daydreaming about a girl named Jazz.

"Your Place or Mine" tells another love story:

Drawing down Main Street
Just cruise 'feelin' me
I saw you walkin' so I just stopped to say hello

Maybe we could get together just like old times.

KC may be too jazzy for the average rap fan. His fusion of jazz, house music, and poetry may be a little ahead of its time but it is fun trying to catch up with this rising star. The goodies on this first album continue with "Summer Madness," featuring a duet with KC and a female rapper who tells it like it is from the female point of view:

I love to be with you
You really make my day
I like the things you do and the things you say

If I could just have you
I wouldn't need any one else
Just the two of us together by ourselves.

"Planet B" (House Mix) is close to a traditional rap track but KC doesn't boast or pat anyone down. This is another narrative but with a sample from the Talking Heads "Once In A Lifetime," this is a story you can dance to. "It was about six o'clock in the evening

(The sun was setting and darkness had just begun to fill the sky), KC raps, "When I first touched down on the surface of Planet B."

Under the direction of Snack Productions, a production and management company based in Passaic, New Jersey, that brought house music to the New York City scene, KC Flightt's forthcoming album should send this hip house rapper soaring into the 90's.

by Terry Benjamin

KC Flightt (Frank Toston, Jr.), the 23-year-old rapper from Passaic, New Jersey, was once part of a rap group called Tri Rock. That group did not take off. But with the release of "In Flightt," in 1989, this innovative rapper began a serious solo flight. Although, KC is primarily solo flight, the charts with singles "Jump 4 Joy" and "Voices," hidden-but album is a good place to become acquainted with this unique talent.

His rhymes ride over jazz and house music tracks and make his rap style unique. With so many rappers coming out and sounding the same, this is a refreshing departure. The many styles and flavors of KC Flightt are presented on "In Flightt," his debut album.

"Africa" is an instrumental track that features drums, bongos, organ, vibes and no rapping at all. "Jazz Player" is in the same groove but it does contain some rapping. "Tim your jazz player/I'm playing jazz/House is jazz," goes the cho-

Africa must be portrayed accurately in curriculum

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their contributions to history. According to Dr. Sanders this means looking at history in schools through different perspectives. For example, American Indians, European-American was an invasion; for Europeans their arrival meant expansion, and for Africans, European domination meant indentured servitude and/or slavery, affirmed Sanders.

The lecture component of the seminar entailed ideas and plans to further assist in the implementation of a multi-cultural curriculum. International consultant, Dr. James A. Banks, Professor of Education and Chairman of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Washington, Seattle stated in his luncheon address that "Multi-culturalism is about all of us in our interconnected ways and that has

not always been acknowledged by us." A democratic education in a pluralistic society should be free and should develop knowledge and skills. "None of us are free until we are all free because we are all interconnected," said Banks.

Multi-culture education is for everybody; it is an education for freedom said Dr. Banks. Also, Banks said that one of the misconceptions about a multi-cultural curriculum is that people fail to realize that African-Americans in urban cities need a multi-cultural education just as much as the Jewish community in the suburbs.

Banks also said that African-Americans think they're the only victims but they need to realize that others have suffered and continue to suffer with African-Americans. African-Americans need to form

coalitions with other oppressed peoples.

Banks also said that textbooks often separate Egypt from Africa. "Teachers need to know Egypt is a part of Africa," Banks recalled of children that Harriet Tubman was Martin L. King Jr.'s assassin. "People who are ignorant do more harm than good," Dr. Banks listed knowing, caring, and acting as the three goals needed for national survival in a rapidly changing world.

He quoted a famous quote of Dr. Martin L. King Jr. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." The lecture component of the seminar entailed ideas and plans to further aid the implement-

ation of a multi-cultural curriculum.

Also included in the seminar was a workshop component that focused on sub-topics of the educational curriculum in schools.

Dr. Irving S. Hamer, Jr., President of the American Education Company and Hanner Smith Consultants service facilitated the "Africanicity in Education" workshop. Hamer proposed seven approaches to curriculum reform.

The first one proposes an approach to African-American studies which highlights in-depth African-American studies at the pre-college level. Hamer said Tucson, Arizona is the only jurisdiction that requires one unit of

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Workshop for the Arts - the place to be

WESTFIELD—In just a few weeks, the sound of violins, electronic pianos, a singing chorus line, improvisational theater, and laughter will fill the halls of Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, where hundreds of students begin kick off the Westfield Workshop for the Arts 20th season. The Workshop opens on July 1 for three-, four- or five-week sessions. Children in pre-school through high school, as well as adults, can register through June for one to five classes in instrumental music and voice, dance, fine arts, crafts, communication arts and special interests.

Classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and are taught by a highly qualified and dedicated faculty who tailor the instruction to meet the individuals ability and age of each participant. The emphasis is on creativity, friendship and fun.

The music department offers beginning through advanced students an opportunity to study a brass, woodwind, or string instrument. Prospective band members can try an instrument in the fall, while current band and orchestra members can hone their skills or explore a new instrument.

Beginning music students must attend week one. In addition to instrumental classes, students

in grades six through 12 can choose to join the concert band or the jazz band. First graders will explore music-makers such as shakers, drums, sticks and more in "Sounds We Found."

Students in grades two through five will learn to perform song and dance routines from Broadway shows in "Musical Theater Chorus." And once again, the Traveling Players, comprised of fourth through seventh grade students, will sing and dance at nursing homes, hospitals, and senior citizen and community centers, throughout the county.

In addition to the Workshop's music classes, space is still available in several other courses including creative writing, chess, ballet, French, Spanish, magic, wind puzzles, studio art, fiber design, mixed crafts, pottery and more.

To meet the needs of working parents, the workshop will provide an early morning drop-off where parents may bring their children to the workshop at 7:30 a.m. Those interested in an afternoon athletic program can enroll their children (grades 1-6) in "Afternoon Adventures" at the Westfield "Y."

Registration is in person, by appointment only, at the workshop office. For more information call (908) 325-5655.

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

MONTECLAIR—A "Single Vision" will hold its meeting and the speaker will be Myra Swanson, topic "Kinesthetics" at Montclair United Church, 84 Orangeburg, 7:30 p.m. The group meets the first and third Friday of every month, except in July and August. For more information contact Barbara Ashworth (201) 746-8417 or (201) 228-9899.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

NEWARK—The historic First Zion Baptist Church, 186 Thomas St. will hold its 11th ministerial installation services for Rev. Lawrence Ronald Durham at 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

NEWARK—Ecumenical in Nature Unit, Rev. & Dr. J.L. Turner, Evangelist and Founder, will hold its 23rd 20th Century Evangelical Summit Conference at the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. Public Invited.

Rev. Durham to be installed at First Mt. Zion Baptist

NEWARK—The First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 186 Thomas Street, has been without a minister since the retirement of its 10th pastor, Rev. Frank P. Rogers over 15 months ago.

The church's parishioners are extremely happy to have finally obtained a pastor with the religious and leadership capabilities possessed by Rev. Durham. This young man (40 years of age) has been a licensed minister since the age of 17. Pastor Durham will bring experience, vision and vitality to First Mt. Zion which is located in the Ironbound Section of Newark.

On Sunday, July 7 a week long celebration will begin at an afternoon service commencing at 4 p.m. at the church. Evening services will continue throughout the week at 7 p.m. nightly. The Act of installation will occur at the 4 p.m. service on Sunday, July 14.

All are welcome to witness Rev. Durham's installation as the 11th minister of the historic First Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Rev. Durham is a native of Passaic. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Anderson, New Jersey from 1981 to 1991.

Week of July 7 — Order for Installation Services:

July 7 — 4 p.m. Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 25 E. Wesley St., South Hackensack, Rev. Curry, Additional Music — Rev. Baptist Church, P.O. Box 147, Port Murray, NJ, 07865.

July 8 — 7 p.m. Good Neighbor Baptist Church, 100 Chancellor Ave., Newark, Rev. Teabout.

July 9 — 7 p.m. Newport Baptist Church, 17-21 East Kinney St., Newark, Rev. Joseph Napier.

July 10 — 7 p.m. Ebenezer Baptist Church, 153 Williams St., Orange, Rev. J.P. Harris.

July 11 — 7 p.m. Shiloh Baptist Church, 99 Davenport Ave., Newark, Rev. John Sharpe.

July 12 — 7 p.m. Union Baptist Church (Rev. Durham's Home fair sponsored by the Task Force, PSE&G Plaza, 80 Park Place, Newark will be the center of health and safety-related activities for both adults and children on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain June 29). A Press Conference for the event will be held at PSE&G on June 19 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

At the Health Fair, on hand will be Sesame Street Producers, Children Television Workshop illustrating activities such as Step-Drop-and-Roll, Crawling through Smoke, exploring the fire engine, and other fire safety activities that combine entertainment and learning. Geoffrey the Toy R' Us giraffe and Mr. & Mrs. Mouse will greet the families and children. Sonya Gillens, Youth Advocate Program, Task Force Chairperson, stated that representatives from many organizations have joined forces to alert the community to the problems of homeless children, and the need for foster homes. Representatives from New Jersey Bell, University Hospital, Beth Israel Medical Center, Girl Scouts of Greater Essex County, Catholic Community Services, Urban League of Essex County, Newark Fire Department, 4-H, foster parents and private citizens are members of the Foster Home Recruitment Task Force. The Division of Youth and Family Services is working cooperatively with the Task Force to meet the needs of the county's children and families.

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Sharpe James and a support staff took off for San Diego in the quest for another national award recognizing the city's renaissance and overall improvement as a model American city.

Last week Newark was one of the 10 winners in the 42nd annual All-America City award competition in San Antonio, Texas. Newark was recognized for success in bringing business, government and residents together at the local level to solve community problems.

Mayor James has had the help of many people in scoring high on the list of criteria to determine award winners.

Newark has been successful in keeping the major businesses in the city and bringing in new industry and entrepreneurs. At the mayor's insistence, government has been more responsive to housing developers, new business ventures and improved neighborhood services. Residents have been encouraged to participate in state block grant programs, the city has encouraged the expansion of medical services at University Hospital and the five universities and colleges within the city have developed a partnership with business, schools and local government leaders.

As I See It...

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dates like Armando Fontana and Congressman Donald Payne who need the potential of the Democratic majority in Newark's South Ward for an easy party victory.

Meantime on the Republican side, Lily Simpson was re-elected without a hitch as was John Renna who begins his 10th year as head of the GOP in Essex County.

Therefore, it is understandable that when members of the Mayor's Senior Citizens Commission failed to see their annual "ad" in the souvenir book solicited for the Mayor's annual breakfast to the Mayor was "embarrassed and mad."

As limited as their incomes are, the elders enjoy polling their money every year to publicly express "gratitude" to the Mayor for this "continued concern, interest and support of Newark's senior citizens."

In this case said the several people who called to vent their anger, they blame the group's president for the "human error," noting the was "probably too busy campaigning" to remember to be politically smart where it counts.

This week Newark Mayor

Letters...

More jet noise

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In the economy of the State of New Jersey so viable that we can allow any type of commerce to be influenced by government legislation, any more than they already have?

I also submit to you that jet noise makers are a very small yet vocal group who do not respect the majority of your constituency.

I think more importantly, you should view the impact of "jet noise" upon the jobs of the many individuals who are presently

working in transportation related industries.

Finally, if allowed to influence legislation, may defeat your "partnership philosophy" in helping existing businesses and most certainly will scare away new businesses.

Is this the way New Jersey work?

Clayton S. Pierce
Scotch Plains

Solution to the problem

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exhibit the behavior that keeps us at the bottom of the socioeconomic ladder. Trying to prevent your own race from succeeding, trying to hurt your brother, doing anything to hurt your racial brothers is a crime that warrants the use of such base terms. Why not refer to dumb asses with a dumb-ass name.

Brother, snap out of the messed up state of mind that many white men reward. He is only trying to destroy the unity and potential for

the success of our race. If you play the self-destructive game that many white people want you to play, you are worthy of name that for you. Using the word "nigger" to describe the treacherous black man who is partially responsible for our plight does two things. It identifies the self-destructive behavior of the true weak "black" man and it can denigrate us so we don't care when we here the word because every decent black man should know that he is not a nigger.

Shawn Hines
Newark

Support for Handgun Control Bill

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levels and with African-American males now truly endangered. I can see how anyone could oppose a measure that would help ease the pain," said Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), senior member of the House Judiciary Committee.

All of the Bishop of the 3.5 million strong African Methodist Episcopal Church strongly support the Bill and have coordinated efforts with their congregations and Senators to support passage of the Bill by the Senate.

In detailing a strategy for the churches representing Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Washington, D.C., Bishop Brooks said, "What we propose to do is to become advocates of a bill that is now before the U.S. Senate which deals with background checks... and at least a seven-day wait before you can go out there and pick up a gun. Even if we can save one life our unflinching efforts will not have been in vain."

Dr. Louis Sullivan, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, has said in his 1990 report that young black males are eleven times more likely to die from a gunshot wound than their white counterparts.

A major campaign is on around the country to heighten awareness among African-Americans and to press for their Senators to vote for the Brady Bill, said Kevin Jefferson, National Minority Affairs Coordinator for Handgun Control, Inc. (HCI), based in Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Attorney General concedes that it would take years before an instant check system at a national level can be in place. However, by that time, at the rate of homicides taking place in the black community so many lives will have been taken away.

Bishop H. Hartford Brooks is Second Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church Washington, DC

Essex County Health Fair slated for June 22

NEWARK — The Essex County Foster Home Recruitment Task Force has identified the health needs of the community as a major concern related to the ever-increasing program, of homeless children. "It's a Family Affair/An Investment in the Future" is the theme of the health fair sponsored by the Task Force, PSE&G Plaza, 80 Park Place, Newark will be the center of health and safety-related activities for both adults and children on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain June 29). A Press Conference for the event will be held at PSE&G on June 19 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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time, talent and financial support to make the day a success.

Foster homes and adoptive homes are desperately needed in New Jersey. In 1990, New Jersey had 6,600 children in foster homes, yet there are presently only 3,600 foster homes. According to Ms. Gillens, children are waiting in area hospitals for placement. The birth families of these children are unwilling or unable to care for them. Foster families, and possibly adoptive families, are needed for these youngsters. "If we don't all start taking care of our health, many generations will be affected." The Task Force is sponsoring "It's a Family Affair/An Investment in the Future" to highlight health concerns and the need for foster and adoptive homes. Essex County, alone, had approximately 2,200 children in substitute care in 1991.

Ron Ballow, Newark Fire Department, Project Manager for it's a Family Affair/An Investment in the Future, explained that the community must come forward to help each other in areas of health, safety, and just coping with society's ever-increasing stresses. Kids must be able to grow up in safe, secure homes, even if they are temporary—as in foster care.

Ms. Gillens and Mr. Ballow invite everyone to attend it's a Family Affair/An Investment in the Future.

Plainfield Bond ordinance

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the residents conveyed. One of the three council members who voted down the measure, Councilman Earl Robinson stated, that he couldn't support this "voodoo budget." He felt as though the citizens had been sold a bad deal, "cuts were made just to make cuts."

The next step in the process is to inform the state Local Finance Board of the amount approved for bonding.

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CITY LIFE

Sounds from Africa highlighted African American Heritage Festival Day

by Freddie Robinson

MONTECLAIR—At the 2nd Annual African American Heritage Parade and Festival last Saturday, hundreds of parade participants and celebrants echoed native Montclairian Barbara Hancock-Chase: "I'm feeling so proud of my hometown today; I've seen many people I haven't seen in years. It's really nice to be here!" Ms. Chase said.



Samitee, African singer and musician, performing with a kalimba (finger piano). photo by F. Robinson

"Harambee," a Swahili word meaning "coming home," was this 2nd year's theme. The parade began at Nishuane Park and onto Bloomfield Ave. and then to Glenfield Park where the jubilant marchers gathered with those waiting there. In the bright, humid, late afternoon the crowd reportedly reached more than three thousand.

Obvious delight stayed on the proud faces of the two grand marshalls — Mrs. Hortense Tate, grandmother of Essex County Prosecutor Herbert Tate Jr. and, Des. John Blundin, Bright Hope Baptist Church — as the festive crowd honored the respected seniors momentarily.

The festival's musical entertainers ranged over the social consciousness songs by Hunter Hayes; Rotic Nichols; Suburban Dog rock band; Voices of the Folk a cappella quartet; The Trinity Temple Choir. And then Samitee (pronounced "Sam-co-by"), a Ugandan singer and musician, lifted the audience to Africa. Samitee sang songs and performed them in the African tradition. He accompanied himself with the traditional kalimba (finger piano), as sounds from Africa filled the park.

"There seemed a need," Councilwoman Audrey Fletcher said, "for a community's self-affirmation and an instilling of 'cultural' pride, especially during these times of increasingly disintegrating African American families." Strongly sensing the need, Councilwoman Fletcher with Co-chairman Dr. Alfred Davis Jr.,

and a supportive committee, began to focus their energies toward organizing the two consecutive years' successful events.



Committee Members, African American Heritage Parade & Festival: co-chairpersons, Councilwoman Audrey Fletcher (l. foreground) and Dr. Alfred Davis Jr. (r. foreground). photo by F. Robinson

Traditional Japanese ceremonies complete library cultural festival

NEWARK—The final performance of The Newark Public Library's 1991 International Cultural Festival: Japan on Thursday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall will feature three traditional Japanese ceremonies.

The first of these is Tendai Shomo, ritual chanting of Buddhist sutras performed by Buddhist priests. Shomo is regarded as one of the world's oldest musical forms, along with the Brahman hymns, Hebrew psalms, and Gregorian chants. It is believed to have originated in India, and to have arrived in Japan via China

with the introduction of Buddhism. Presently, Shomo is preserved in 3,000 temples of the sect which has 600,000 followers.

The seven participants in Tendai Shomo include temple priests who are leaders in the Tendai Chans Research Society.

Hosho Shiki, a feature of Court Cuisine, ranked with the art of the tea ceremony and flower arrangement, as a particular accomplishment of high ranking Samurai society. Today, this knife ceremony, is considered to be the highest of culinary arts. In Hosho Shiki, a fish or bird is cut with

extreme skill, using only chopsticks and a large knife, without being touched by hand. The six performers include the Chairman of the Japan Cooking Society.

Tsuganu-Jamitsu is a musical performance on the three-stringed instrument, which, as in jazz, permits the player to express a great deal of individuality. In fact, Tsuganu-Jamitsu has recently been included in some jazz sessions. Three performers will participate.

Admission to the performances is free. The Library is at 5 Washington Street. For further information, telephone 733-7793.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20

NEWARK—Japanese Consensus, Shy-emp, Raging Storms perform by Bush-dai press and much more. 7 p.m. Newark Public Library & Washington Avenue. For more information call the Library.

TRENTON—The Players' Company will be presenting an evening of "The ACT PLAYERS, two June 22nd, 8:00 p.m. at St. Michaels' Episcopal Church, 140 North Main St. \$10 general public; \$5 donor; \$100 for more information call (609) 396-4492.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

WATCHING—Jazz weekend features Vibe Quartet and "Strode" Piano, 8 p.m. at the Washington Arts Center admission \$10. For more information call 308-753-0190.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

JERSEY CITY—Jazz Film Forum presents "Wild Women Don't Have the Blues," Miller Branch Library Auditions, 7:00 p.m. Free admission. For more information call (201) 547-6565/6907.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

NEWARK—Black Film Festival, Paul Robeson Film Awards, Newark Symphony Hall, 7:30 p.m. For more information call (201) 596-6550.

Inner Harbor Bus Trip

The Soul Sisters Youth Group and National Council of Negro Women-Raritan Valley is sponsoring a bus ride to The Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc. and Inner Harbor in Maryland on June 29, 1991. The bus leaves Somerville High School parking lot at 7:00 a.m. Come see over 100 wax figures, special lighting, sound effects and animation, Bessie Coleman flying in her airplane, Rosa Parks being dragged from Montgomery transit bus and much more. Also visit Morgan State University. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$18/ students under 18 and includes admission to museum. For more information call (908) 561-1426 or 908-725-2889.

Africa to be included in multicultural curriculum

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the belief that students need fixing and not the system, their self-esteem will be destroyed. Self-esteem is the ignition switch that fires the spark plugs of learning, says Sanders.

Dr. Sanders admits that he works with many others who taught that Greece and Rome were the beginnings of civilization. "We never touch the vast richness of the African cultures like Timbuktu, Songhai and the Mali empires. I contend that if we don't have an intrinsic culture that we're not being honest," Sanders likened cultural enrichment to a "feast of food" from every continent in which there is shared transcendental social values instead of homogeneous ideas. "That's the challenge teacher's have."

Sanders argued that African-American studies is not in opposition to multi-culturalism in schools, but that as a people African-Americans must understand themselves first. In order to do that, African-Americans must start with an ethno/Afrocentric focus in order to build self-esteem and learn about African-American as well as women studies.

The second approach calls for contributions of women and people of color to be told through vignettes.

Third, Hamer said that multiple perspectives have to be included not only from cultural perspectives, but from sub-cultures, as well. Even if Benjamin Banneker or George Washington Carver's names are placed in textbooks it means nothing without changing the context," Hamer argued this in his fourth approach, contextualization.

His fifth approach known as narrative voices has been researched by clinical psychologists and reveals that some of the famed psychologists of the 20th century research was formed from a white male perspective. There needs to be variation in narrative voices asserts Hamer.

Hamer's sixth approach points

to the importance of historical references. Hamer said that, "Much of what is written about us in history books is half-truths or flatly wrong."

The last of his seven approaches to curriculum reform deals with profiling the controversial like Paul Robeson, Marcus Garvey, and David Walker. Hamer recalls a time when the mere mention of Paul Robeson's name was a dangerous risk. "It is an important, powerful lesson to try to understand those who are controversial," Dr. Hamer also said that the seven approaches are most powerful and effective when used together.

During the question and answer period Dr. Hamer said that teachers should be trained in African-American and multi-cultural studies. "Getting it wrong is worse than nothing at all." Also, Dr. Hamer addressed multi-culturalism in schools and said that "What is done at the elementary school level should be readily apparent in high school. They can coexist in the school district for a comprehensive experience." Executive Superintendent of Newark Schools, Eugene C. Campbell said that educators must recognize the importance of self-esteem and its relation to the student. "Our students, our children, our lives after our deaths. It is incumbent upon us as parents to ensure that our students have all they need to be what they want to be." Campbell met with Assistant Provost James Ramsey of Rutgers University, Newark and received commitments from Rutgers University as well as Essex County College to help implement the multi-cultural curriculum.

Campbell named Dr. Lerworth Gunther and Amin Baraka as the hired consultants and lecturers for the multi-cultural curriculum.

A required reading list has been established along with exams that include questions from the reading lists. Some of the works included in that reading list are "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,"

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Piscataway High School.

The Mistress of Ceremony will be award winning broadcast journalist and author at the WCBS television station, Mrs. Anna Sims-Phillips. Guest speaker will be Philip D. Benson, Director of Educational Testing Service, Rutgers University and

Who's Who in the East 1984 and in Black America. Donation for the event is \$30/adults, \$18/students, \$15/youth under 12 years. For more information, please contact Lillian Hughes, President (908) 757-9572 or L. Cynthia Hoyle, Chairperson (908) 757-1025.

The high school youth awarders are Jennifer Garner, Mt. Saint Mary's Academy; Stephen Beck, Plainfield High School; Lisa Horn, Scotch Plains High School; and Stephanie C. Smith,

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

NEVADA—Minority Contractors 22nd Annual Convention and Exposition will be held from June 23 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. For more information contact Ralph Thomas (202) 347-8259.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

FAHWOOD—The Central Jersey SBT User's Group will hold its next meeting 12:30 p.m. at Stefano's Restaurant, Manalapan Hotel, 295 South Avenue, Manalapan, NJ. For more information contact Pat Sigmon (908) 889-6300.

NEWARK—Management Skills for the Small Business, \$15 Checks payable to Rutgers Univ. must be mailed w/ registration form. Rm 215E, 92 New St. Information call 648-9550.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

PRINCETON—The SBA, National US Arab Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a program to help small businesses market their products and services to the Middle East at the Scarisbrick Hotel, \$55 registration fee. For more information, contact Heidi Austin (201) 645-6054.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

NEWARK—Business After Hours Summerfest '91 at Anheuser-Busch, 300 U.S. Highway #1, Hospitality Room 2nd Floor, 4:30-7:30 p.m. \$20 registration fee. For more information, call (201) C1A-M-B-E-R.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

NEW YORK—Yorkshire Graduate School of Management conference, "Leverage, Workouts and Bankruptcy," will be held at Manufacturers Hanover, 270 Park Avenue. Information call 201-448-5049 or 648-5315.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Free Law Labor Seminar, Wills and Estate Planning. One Constitution Square from 7 - 9 p.m. For information call 908-249-5500 ext. 295.

by William Reed

(NPPA)—Should blacks of the world look blocking a gift-borne in the month? When we receive paternal help, why don't we accept that assistance and be happy? Is it in the realm of "sour grapes" that some blacks are asking, "Why did the State of Israel pay \$35 million to rescue 15,000 Black Jews from Ethiopia?" The answer may well be, "It's a white thing which you wouldn't understand."

Prior to the Ethiopian rebels fully capturing the capital city of Addis Ababa, the Israeli Air Force and Jewish Agency coordinated "Operation Solomon" to airlift almost 15,000 Black Jews from Ethiopia to Israel. The "Operation Solomon" program conducted by Israel, was one of the largest airlifts of mankind since the U.S. evacuation of Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War. In spite of its logistics and excellent coordination may be wondering, why did the Jewish state pay \$35 million in ransom money to Ethiopian officials, and still be willing to incur another \$150 million in the next year for expenses for Black Jews who don't know the language of Israel and in most cases don't even know exactly where the Middle East country is located? While the Israeli people should be congratulated by the world for their humanitarian effort toward the displaced Ethiopian Jews, one of the major questions that people of color should be asking is, why?

The people of Israel have a tradition of relations with Ethiopia that goes back to the days of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, but now Addis Ababa is in turmoil. The warring troops in that country have made the city one of the world's major flash points. Had the Jewish officials on the ground there allowed

it, tens of thousands of other Ethiopians would have gladly climbed aboard the disguised El Al Boeing 707s and Jumbos for the flight to Israel. In the midst of war, the Israelis again proved their courage and precision by utilizing 30 giant planes carrying over a thousand people each and flying 40 sorties in and out of an airport surrounded by fighting. Courageous Israeli pilots, doctors, paramedics and military commanders braved gunfire, tanks, and mortars for over 35 hours to ferry the displaced Black Jews out of Addis, but still many are asking, "Why?"

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

A star is born: Straight Out of Brooklyn

Entertainment area is where African Americans have new opportunity for the leading edge

by Charles E. Belle

WASHINGTON, DC (NPPA) — Entertainment is the second largest exporting industry of America. Right behind aircraft sales. And African American made films are flying just as high with reviews, revenues and sales. Since African Americans are all over the entertainment field. It should come as no surprise that the modern day descendant of an original American producer, director, writer extraordinaire is an African American from the wrong side of the tracks of New York City.

Matthew Rich, starting at the age of 17 wrote, directed and produced the most provocative pic-

The Ethiopian Jews do have a historical bond with their brethren in the land of Israel. The 15,000 new immigrants will find many of their blood brothers and sisters in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem who reached there via the "Operation Moses" program of 1985. And it must be said by the most Doubting of Thomases that Israel has reached out and rescued many of its own from Russia, Yemen and Iraq. But in the case of the Black Jews, what will they do?

Many are wondering along racial lines and asking, "With the tensions between the Jews and Arabs inside Israel at such a

height will the ultimate function of the Ethiopian Jews be to supplement the service labor force?" Like any society, Israel has houses and restaurants to be cleaned, restaurant tables to be washed, soldiers to be done, and windows to be washed. The Arabs of that area have proven that they are not to be trusted inside Israeli homes nor being in close proximity to Israeli civilians as they eat, sleep or relax. With this wariness on the part of Jews of their Palestinian sworn enemies, who would be better to "do windows" than one of your own, albeit he, or she, is of a darker

hue?

Some of blacks' best friends are Jews. In this country, they've helped us with our movements toward equal rights and progressive legislation. Although "Operation Solomon" is paternal in nature, we should not ignore the help that it provides toward the Ethiopians toward a better life and livelihood. If these Black Jews are destined for a life of servitude, it is on us to develop assistance and international outreach to help the children of that airlift, be the pilots, doctors, paramedics and commanders of the 21st century.

Africa included in curriculum

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"Autobiography of Malcolm X," "Native Son," "Manchild in the Promised Land" and others. According to Campbell, committees are continuing to meet and share ideas. Campbell said that the curriculum is based on Eurocentricity and it is an awakening for us to include "Third" in it. It was and taking place, not a political point of view, but factual. Timbuktu was a citadel of learning, not something out a Tarzan movie.

Assistant Superintendent for Secondary School Operations, James Moore, added that the reading lists are included in the subject area of the curriculum guide which specifies the required readings and details of the exams. Moore stated that the nine African-American film series will be rotated throughout the entire secondary division. Audio/visuals are optional resources to be shown at the teachers' discretion.

Teachers will also be in-serviced by a textbook company. In the adoption of new textbooks, publishers must demonstrate how their series will update and match the multi-cultural curriculum and/or supply supplementary publications, added Campbell.

The commitment comes a year after the United Students Organization (USO), a Newark-based organization, held a New York City Hall in the spring of 1990. The University high school students of Newark also staged a three-hour sit-in to protest a lack of African-American history in the classrooms.

In New York City last month, seven African-American families filed lawsuits against the New York City Board of Education, the United States Department of Education, and the New York State Department of Education for a more inclusive education for their children.

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Ashe-Bollettieri tennis program presents academic awards

NEWARK—A group of local youngsters have been cited for their excellence by receiving Scholastic Hall of Fame Awards from the Newark Ashe-Bollettieri Tennis Program.

Mayor Sharpe James presented the "Certificate of Excellence" awards to E. Paul Rice, brother and sister Paula and Valeria Catoggio, and Jerome Fisher, who are participants in the city-wide program.

Mario and Isabel Catoggio are the parents of Paula, a straight-A student in the first grade, and Valeria, a 4th-grade student with a solid B-average. Rice, the son of John and Karen Rice, is a 10-year-old straight-A student and Fisher, the son of Luciana Fisher and a student at Newark's St. Philip's Academy, was named the "most improved student."

The first "Certificates of Excellence" awards were presented in April to Rahman Smiley and Gregory Wells.

Smiley, the son of Jane and Eugene Smiley, is a straight-A

student in the 97-100 percentile range. Wells, son of Beverly Wells, was recognized for his maturity and academic growth, as well as being honored by his teachers with a "Certificate of Award."

Bob Davis, national Ashe-Bollettieri programs director, said, "In keeping with the primary objectives of the tennis program, the Ashe-Bollettieri Scholastic Hall of Fame was established to foster competition and develop well-balanced youngsters."

Mayor James agreed and added, "The tennis program in Newark, and nationwide, is designed to not only produce top-notch tennis players, but also to develop more outstanding student-athletes and citizens."

For more information about the Scholastic Hall of Fame, "Certificates of Excellence" project or the tennis program, contact Davis at the Ashe-Bollettieri office, Room B-5, Newark City Hall, 920 Broad Street, Newark, N.J. 07102 (201-733-5440).



Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently honored the Science High School Indoor Track team and their coaches during a ceremony in his office. The team was awarded with a proclamation from the Mayor's office and individual plaques for the outstanding victory that earned them the New Jersey State Group I Championship title.

photo by Pamela Owens

Moreheuser takes QEA debate to Supreme Court

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QEA II legislation passed by the state house and senate to be declared unconstitutional and to establish December 31, 1991 as the new deadline for having the funding in place legislatively with no further extensions granted. Moreheuser wants the courts to not only retain jurisdiction in the case but to develop a contingency plan for distributing funds in the 1992-93 school year in the case the legislature cannot meet its deadline for developing an adequate funding plan. Finally, Moreheuser is asking the Court to appoint a "special master to assist in developing this funding plan and in reporting to the Court on any relevant legislative action."

Moreheuser cites the delay in implementation which was to have been in place for the 1991-92 school year as grounds for her motion stating that "the plaintiffs have already waited more than ten years for relief, any additional

delays are unconscionable." Plaintiffs also cite their efforts to inform state legislators that they

were not in compliance with Abbott II with the compromise passage of QEA II which signifi-

cantly reduced the funding necessary to begin to equalize the funds for urban districts.

HEART TO HEART - A message to all fathers

When you left you took my heart with you. I never realized until now that I would ever have to survive without you. I always felt that that without you would be for eternity. I understand and accept that only our moments together are everlasting.

I remember the walks together. I remember the conversation. I remember how your friends would tell you that I was beautiful. I remember how you chuckled to be modest. I remember the proud look on your face. You never had the chance to tell me you loved me, but I knew. Mother only told me the cherished moments of your lives together. She made sure that I only remembered the love you had for me. We were family. We were inseparable. We were one.

Today, I remember you for the man you were to me. I remember you for the opportunity to appreciate the

feeling of being loved and most of all being wanted.

I cannot comprehend how hard it was financially or even the effort you put forth to be there for me, but I do appreciate the fact that you were there.

Now, I look back and I see you standing tall. I never saw your tears. I never felt your heart ache when you squeezed me to say good night. I never felt your hand tremble when you held my hand as we walked together. I never knew the amount of money you owed to make sure that I had the things I needed.

All I can remember is that you were there for me. I remember that the feeling of protection was never a desire. I remember that a kiss was never requested. I remember the nightly prayers and I remember the morning thankfulness. But, most of all

I remember you being there.

By fate, I can not express my feelings to you face to face but as a privilege I say to you, Daddy, "I love you" and you will always be a part of my life and if you can feel my heart now, feel the warmth of love that is expressed.

Never feel that you failed me in any way. For you fulfilled all of my needs. For the rest of my life I will be with peace for I know that when you were laid to rest, you sleep with my heart and my heart feels peaceful. The beat of my heart never fails when my mind rests on our memories.

Daddy, when I say, "I love you," the words come from my mouth but I know when you left, you took my heart with you and I feel unquenchable love. Today, I send a message to you, heart-to-heart, "I LOVE YOU!"

Submitted by Edna Vinton

UNCF students awarded PSE&G scholarships

NEWARK — Four United Negro College Fund students will be presented with \$2,000 Scholarship Awards from Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) in recognition of their scholastic achievements.

The scholarships will be presented at a June 21 awards luncheon at PSE&G's corporate headquarters in Newark.

The recipients are: Karna Brown of Newark, N.J.; Shinn Qudus of Irvington, N.J.; Keisha Rogers of New York City, N.Y.; and Natisha Hoskins of Ardmore, Pa.

Lawrence R. Codey, PSE&G's senior vice-president-electric, said the students have demonstrated that they are highly motivated individuals. Codey said PSE&G wants to recruit and retain bright, educated UNCF students who will help the company maintain a competitive edge. "To be competitive as a nation, we need to develop the resources of our workforce," Codey said.

UNCF is a national foundation that provides support for more than 48,000 students at 41 UNCF supported colleges and universities.

Dolrah Stapleton, UNCF area development director, said one-third of the students who complete their education at UNCF schools continue on to graduate school. Many of these students depend on financial aid to complete their education," said Stapleton.

Brown is a senior at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala., where she is majoring in electrical engineering. Since 1989, she has worked during the summer as a staff intern in PSE&G's transmission systems department. She is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the National Society of Black Engineers and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Qudus is a sophomore at St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Va., majoring in business administration. She holds memberships in the Institute of Political and Law Education and the National Honor Society.

Rogers is a junior at Virginia

Union University, Richmond, Va. and is majoring in accounting. She is an honorary member of the Community of Scholars and is a member of the National Urban League.

Hoskins is a senior at Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C. and is majoring in accounting. She is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 1991 and the 1991 Bennett College Dean's List. She has been named to the National Dean's list and is a recipient of the National Collegiate Student Government Award.

In May 1990, UNCF honored PSE&G with two awards. The Fund presented PSE&G with its Outstanding Corporate Leadership Award in recognition of the company's continuous efforts in support of UNCF. In addition, PSE&G's Robert F. Sleight, vice-president-business and technical support, received a UNCF Volunteer Leadership Award. In 1989, PSE&G launched a unique company-wide effort to raise money for UNCF by utilizing the company's matching gift program and payroll deduction.

Newark swimming pools open early

NEWARK — The City of Newark, Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) today announced that the scheduled July 1 opening day for public swimming pools in the city has been moved up to Friday, June 28.

Roslyn Lightfoot, DORCA manager, said the city-wide opening was changed to coincide with mini-festivals, throughout the city, planned for that weekend.

For any further information on public swimming pools in Newark, please call the DORCA office (201-733-6454).

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